

Parents/Grandparents/Guardians,

Here are a few things you need to know:

- 1) **Wednesday Nights:**
 - a. Vine Time @ 5:00 (We do not have Vine Time when school is not in session.)
 - b. Meal @ 6:00 & Class @ 6:30 – 7:15
- 2) **Youth LifeGroup:** LG will typically meet on Sunday afternoons. However, if we have an event on Saturday or some other time in the week **we will likely not meet the following Sunday.**
- 3) **Area Wide Youth Events (possible):** Carlsbad, Artesia, Hobbs, etc...
- 4) **Other Events:** We will have other youth events, movie nights, etc.... as the occasion arises. Typically 1 per month.
- 5) **Sign-up Sheets** are on my door. "Let your yes be yes and your no be no."
- 6) **Start/End Times:** Please be aware of and respect start/end times. I typically publicize the end times for all events. While traveling I "guestimate," but I also instruct the kids to call home when we are 30 minutes away.
- 7) **Birthday Parties:** I love to celebrate birthdays with our youth kids. If you would like to share this special day with the entire youth group, please let me know. You are free to supply cake, ice cream, etc... for us to enjoy at a regularly scheduled youth event. Please follow our peanut policy!
- 8) **Communication:** I make a concerted effort to communicate early and often in various ways.
 - a. Printed Wednesday Announcements (These are also posted to Facebook as well).
 - i. The Weekly Announcements function as our calendar
 - b. www.hobbschurch.com
 - c. Sunday Handout

These bullet points have Handouts

- 9) **Adopt-a-Youth Group** – See the attached letter.
- 10) **Curriculum:** See the outline of the Bible class curriculum for this academic year.
- 11) **Camp Registration** – See the enclosed "How to Register for Camps" document.
- 12) **Peanut Policy** – See the attached Peanut Policy.
- 13) **Winterfest Informational Flier & Requirements**

These must be signed and returned to me (most of you did this over the summer)

- 14) **Behavioral Policy** – Must be reviewed and signed by parent and child.
- 15) **Annual Release Form:** We have a release for you to sign regarding emergency health treatment, photo release, liability waiver, etc... This will remain in force for an entire year.

Closing

As always, we have an open door policy for parents in any of our classes and we look forward to working with you in shaping a generation of Christ-centered young adults. As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to contact us personally.

In Christ,

Lance Havens

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Adopt a Youth Group 2019-2020

As in past years, I want **you** to join a team of other parents and choose a month to invest in our kids in our “Adopt a Youth Group” program. In case you need a refresher, here is what this is all about in three easy steps:

I am inviting 2-4 families to “adopt” the Taylor St. Youth group for *at least* one month per year. Here’s how it works: Let’s assume that in a given month anywhere between 4-8 adults have adopted our little tribe of teenagers. These adults can attend our Bible classes, LG, Vine Time, day trips and any other activities during that month (overnight trips and camps are outside the “adopt a youth group” program). I know that not every adult can attend everything. That’s OK. That’s why there are as many as 8 of you! During your month speak with the people on your team. Make sure that a few of you are available. This is **Step 1: SHOW UP**. For you “showing up” may mean baking cookies and writing cards to our young people. But, in some manner we need your presence. We won’t all serve in the same way, but we will all serve!

Step 2 is working with me behind the scenes during your month. I always need fresh ideas. Our kids are generally excited to be offered new opportunities. Please work with me. Come up with something in your month and together as a team let’s implement it. Better yet, give it over to the youth expert that lives in your house (your teenager) and together come up with something and we can all implement it. It can be a Bible study, a service project, or something fun.

Step 3 is the tough one. It’s not observable, measurable, or definable, but we all know it when we see it. We as adults need to be people of substance. Our teens live in a world of style over substance. Let’s model a life that flips that equation.

What Now?

Check your calendar. Pray, daydream, meditate, fast, seek solitude, seek advice, and then **CHOOSE** a month. Then, call someone you know or call someone you don’t know and ask them to partner with you in your special month. Then you may sign up on the board outside the Youth Room or call/text/email me with your month and I will add your name on your behalf.

Logistics

Before your month begins, I would like to meet with all adoptive adults for that month. We will review the schedule for that particular month to discuss “coverage” and generally plan the month. You won’t be alone. Generally speaking our target is a 5:1 ratio of youth group members to adoptive adults.

I also must address pre-teen siblings at this point. There are times when we can schedule and have “family events” that include the entirety of our Youth Group member’s families. However, this sort of “ministry creep” is not something at this time we are ready to embrace on a weekly basis. Also given the fact that having younger children present will somewhat negate our adoptive adults’ ability to focus on our primary objective (ministry to our teenagers), at this time we prefer to “pick our places” to include the pre-teen siblings. These are all details we can work out during your month. I’m not saying that it can NEVER happen. I’m saying let’s be intentional when planning such events.

Final Thoughts

I am your servant in facilitating spiritual growth in your family and beyond. In a perfect world, I wouldn’t even be needed. My real goal is to partner **with you** in creating an atmosphere of Christian growth and fellowship. This is a meager step in that direction, but one that I pray is meaningful in meeting our larger goals.

Blessings,

Lance Havens

Sunday AM Scope and Sequence Of Bible Class

	June-August		September-November
Summer 2019	Ezekiel - Survey		Mark + Hebrews
Summer 2020	Jeremiah + Lamentations - Survey		Luke
Summer 2021	Daniel		John + 1 John
Summer 2022	Minor Prophets - Survey		Matthew
Summer 2023	Psalms + Proverbs Survey		Mark + 1 Tim, 2 Tim.
Summer 2024	1 Chronicles + 2 Chronicles		Luke
Summer 2025	Isaiah - Survey		Matthew
	December-February		March-May
Winter 2019	Exodus - Deut Survey		Galatians, 2 Corinthians, Titus, Philemon
Winter 2020	Joshua		Revelation + 2 John, 3 John
Winter 2021	Judges, Ruth		Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians
Winter 2022	1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings		1 Corinthians + 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude
Winter 2023	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther		John
Winter 2024	Job + Ecclesiastes + Song of Songs		Romans + James
Winter 2025	Genesis - Survey		Acts

Wednesday PM Class

Term: Fall of 2019

Topic: Spiritual Disciplines

Teaching Style: Lecture/Discussion

Participants: All Youth Group

Wednesday PM Class

Term: Spring of 2019

Topic: TBA

Class: Wednesday PM

Teaching Style: Discussion/Lectures/Text

Participants: All Youth Group

How to Register for Pine Springs 2020

(Self-Register for Pine Springs)

It is the policy of Taylor St. Church of Christ to encourage participation in summer Christian camps by providing financial scholarships for active and attending church members. The Taylor St. Scholarship Fund will pay for **1 Camp per year upon request**. However, in order to register for Pine Springs you will be responsible for registering your student online and completing all required paperwork.

Please do the following steps in a timely manner. If you choose **NOT** to do these steps, you may miss camp. Also, Pine Springs assesses a **\$25 late fee** if registration is not completed at least 2 weeks before camp. Taylor Street will not pay any late fees, so sign up early! Furthermore, Week 7 is expected to be full this year. In the recent past, campers have been turned away for not registering on time.

Sessions we Attend:

Week 7: LCU, (formerly known as John King Week)

Date: July 12th – 18th (tentative) Grades: 7th – High School Graduates

Week 9: Oak Ridge Week

Date: July 26th – 31st (tentative) Grades: 4th – 8th

Steps:

- 1) Sign up on Lance's Office Door (& indicate if you are requesting a scholarship). This lets me know you are going to camp & assists me in logistical planning & managing our scholarship fund.
- 2) If you are not using a Taylor St. Scholarship, register for camp at www.pinespringscamp.com.
- 3) If you requested a scholarship, wait for me to call you. I'll give you a super-secret coupon code that cannot be shared with anyone else. This code will cover the registration fee for camp (but will not cover late fees or the camp video).
- 4) You will receive an email from the camp about what to bring and an insurance form to complete. Once you complete and return the insurance form you are ready to pack for camp!
- 5) A \$25 late fee is assessed if payment is not received two weeks prior to the session. The camper is responsible for all late fees.
- 6) The camp video is available for purchase at camp for \$10.

TS Youth Peanut Policy

Purpose: To enact a food allergy policy to keep our youth group members safe and free from harm.



Our Youth Group has food allergies. There is no “them” & “us” on this issue. We are “One” (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12). So WE have food allergies. In order to keep “US” safe, please adhere to the following guidelines as if your child’s life depended upon it.

1) No food may contain peanuts.

Don’t bring it to the church building. Don’t buy it on a youth trip. Preferably don’t eat anything with peanuts before you come here without brushing your teeth.

2) Read Labels For All Food

Ideal: “Made in a Peanut Free Facility.” This is the best!

Acceptable: “Produced in a facility that also produces peanuts.” Handle with care.

Unacceptable: “May contain peanuts” This includes things like M&Ms.

Don’t even: “Contains Peanuts” Seriously, don’t do it.

3) If you don’t know ask.

We have some peanut allergy advocates. If you are not sure about a food, I will direct you to one of the people that I heavily rely upon to keep our kids safe.

4) It does NOT matter that “so-and-so” won’t be there.

Peanut dust/fibers/residue will lie in wait for extended periods of time on carpet, van seats, and other surfaces beyond an individual youth event, so our peanut policy is universal beyond a particular event. These fibers are like deadly ninja assassins. Don’t even give them a chance to set up camp!



Unfortunately, the Government does not require foods to be labeled the above mentioned ways. If you have a food allergy and have any questions about a food being served at a youth event, either don’t eat it or call the company that manufactured the food to inquire about allergy information.

Winterfest

January 17th-19th, 2020

[\$25 Deposit: Due November 13th]

[Participation Requirement & Service Requirement] [Arlington, TX]

There are few events in youth ministry that I encourage as much as Winterfest. When you attend a Winterfest session you encounter God's truth in a relevant, passionate and when appropriate, FUN presentation style. In addition to the event itself, the Winterfest experience would not be complete without all of the fun in the van and hotel. This is a great bonding experience. Everyone talks about the value of good memories. This is a place to create those memories. Ask any past attendee about the Polar Bear Club!

A few things you should know: **1)** There is a participation requirement to attend Winterfest. We want this to be a continuation and growth of current relationships. Students must be in attendance 75% of the time at 1 weekly youth event (Wednesday Evening Class, Sunday Morning Class, or Youth LG) and at least 50% of the time at a second weekly meeting. I will begin keeping attendance for this requirement. **2)** There is a "service requirement." Students must complete 5 independent acts of service and complete the questionnaire AND supply some photos of the work being performed. Service acts organized and initiated within the youth group or other organizations do NOT satisfy this requirement. The goal is for students (and their families) to recognize a need and take the appropriate steps to meet that need. The only exception to this policy is that students may work in the TS clothing room on Saturdays during the monthly times we serve the public. However, this may only be done on 2 occasions. The service documents are available on our website. **3)** We will leave Hobbs on Friday Morning, January 17th. This does mean that we will be missing one day of school, so make plans now. **4)** We can save a little money by planning early. Your deposit of \$25 is due on November 13th. The total cost is \$75. The balance and service requirement is due on January 12th.

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The Official Winterfest 2020 "Service-WORK" Documentation Sheet:

All work must be initiated and performed independent of any organized youth group or social club activity, however a student may count service in the Taylor St. Clothing Room for up to 2 Saturdays during the regularly scheduled times.

Service Activity 1:

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Name of Person/Organization you served: _____

Type of Work Performed (Give some details):

Service Activity 2:

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Name of Person/Organization you served: _____

Type of Work Performed (Give some details):

Service Activity 3:

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Name of Person/Organization you served: _____

Type of Work Performed (Give some details):

Service Activity 4:

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Name of Person/Organization you served: _____

Type of Work Performed (Give some details):

Service Activity 5:

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Name of Person/Organization you served: _____

Type of Work Performed (Give some details):

Concluding Thoughts:

How has this service work caused you to think about service in general?

What was the most enjoyable part of this experience?

What was the least enjoyable part of this experience?

Do you think you will continue to serve others, in what ways?

Pictures:

Don't forget to email, text or print me pictures of each activity.

Email: lancehavens@hotmail.com

Text: 575 942 0088

Print: Hand to me!

Taylor St. Youth Group Behavioral Policy

Introduction: It is my philosophy that young people learn what God expects from them by what the adults in their lives expect from them. Time and time again in scripture God asks for our obedience. Jesus goes so far as to say, "If you love me, you will obey my commands." Learning obedience for proper human authority acts as "training wheels" for learning to obey Spiritual authority that we cannot visibly see or audibly hear. So, obedience is a SPIRITUAL issue.

Obedience is also a practical concern because it is a necessary component for ensuring the physical and emotional safety of all Youth Group Participants. It is also of utmost importance to maintain an orderly environment, particularly in Bible class and while on trips. Obedience is a vital component in order to meet these two goals. Safety and Order are impossible without obedience.

Objective: To enact a behavioral policy that fosters spiritual growth and helps to ensure both the overall safety of youth group participants and to maintain an orderly environment.

- 1) Youth Group Participants should strive to maintain Christ-like attitudes, actions, and words.
- 2) Youth Group Participants should promptly comply with ALL requests of ALL Sponsors/Staff/Chaperones. Unless the request is immoral, illegal, or inherently unsafe; complete and prompt compliance is expected at all times without argument or delay. Delayed obedience will be treated as disobedience.
- 3) As young adults, Youth Group Participants are expected to maintain proper social decorum. This includes demonstrating appropriate social skills and refraining from ill-mannered and rude behaviors.
- 4) Youth Group Participants are expected to participate in Bible class discussions, follow along in their Bibles and generally give the study of God's word its appropriate attention. Sleeping, chatting, texting, habitual trips out of the classroom and similar activities are generally unacceptable during Bible class.

Recourse: In the case of failure to uphold these ideals on behalf of Youth Group Participants the following actions will be taken:

- 1) One request and one warning shall be given.
- 2) If the Youth Group Participant remains in violation or proceeds to engage in a disruptive argument, they shall be immediately removed from the situation.
- 3) Parents/Guardians will be promptly notified and will be expected to pick up the Youth Group Participant, regardless of the location of the youth event.
- 4) In the case of removal from a Youth Group Activity, the elder of the month will be notified of the situation by the Youth Minister and the elder will "follow up" with the Youth Group Participant, their family, and the involved Sponsor/Staff/Chaperone.

Additional Policies:

- 1) Guests will not be invited on overnight outings (other than LCU camps). To qualify as a non-guest a youth must be in attendance at least 4 Taylor St. meetings (i.e. Wednesday Class, Sunday Class, or Youth LifeGroup).
- 2) All volunteer sponsors must be deemed to be of an appropriate age and must demonstrate a Christ-centered maturity and reputation.
- 3) Students will not be allowed to leave any youth event early without parental permission.
- 4) The Peanut Policy must be adhered to at all times on all youth activities regardless of location or participants.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Winterfest Requirements

I understand that in order to participate in Winterfest, I must meet the following requirements:

- 1) I must be in attendance at one weekly youth group event (Wednesday Teen Bible Class, Sunday Morning Bible Class, Youth LG) at least 75% of all meetings. Attendance requires more than my mere presence. I am accountable to be participatory and helpful to the goals of the meeting.
- 2) I must be in attendance at a second weekly youth group event (Wednesday Teen Bible Class, Sunday Morning Bible Class, Youth LG) at least 50% of all meetings. Attendance requires more than my mere presence. I am accountable to be participatory and helpful to the goals of the meeting.
- 3) I must also complete the Winterfest independent service work.

I, the undersigned, commit to completing all attendance and service requirements:

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

Emergency Medical Authorization

YOUNG PERSON'S NAME: _____

IN THE EVENT I CANNOT BE REACHED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE LANCE HAVENS OR ANY OTHER YOUTH GROUP SPONSOR OF TAYLOR ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST TO GIVE CONSENT FOR ANY NECESSARY EMERGENCY CARE FOR MY CHILD WHEN THE CHILD IS IN THIS INDIVIDUAL'S CARE.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

DATE

Young Person's Blood Type (if known): _____

Medical Problems: _____

Allergies (List of Medicines or other things.): _____

PERSONS TO BE CALLED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME

PHONE

NAME

PHONE

RELEASE AND PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION

I/We the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our consent for him/her to attend events being organized by Taylor Street Church of Christ. Taylor St. Church of Christ has my permission to transport my child on planned local trips away from the Taylor St. facility and on out of town trips. I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event, and I/we hereby release Taylor Street Church of Christ, its preachers, ministers, elders, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our child's involvement, whether during transportation or otherwise. I/we also agree to bring my/our child home at my/our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by Lance Havens or other Youth Group Sponsor of Taylor Street Church of Christ.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Permission for Publishing Pictures

I am aware that my child may be photographed or videotaped while attending youth ministry activities of Taylor Street Church of Christ.

I give permission for any photographs or videotapes, including my child, to be published in Taylor St. Church of Christ publications such as the weekly bulletin, Taylor St Websites, Facebook, and Video presentations.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Both Sides Must be completed

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby give permission to any hospital to render the treatment necessary in case of emergency for

(Child's Name) _____, the son, daughter, ward of
(Parent/Guardian's Name) _____ from (City/State) _____, _____. We the
parents/guardians signed below will be responsible for payment of medical services provided to the
child mentioned above and I/we also acknowledge that I/we will be ultimately responsible for the cost
of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance
provider.

Our Insurance is with _____

The Policy number is _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Signed _____

Guardian or Parent

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone _____

Emergency Phone _____

Place of Business _____

Birthdate of Child _____

(The above information is what the Hospital will ask for if we need to get them treated.)